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The convict lease system prevails in the Southern States.

Forests are springing up on the abandoned mines and mining towns in California.

The Mexican Government is preparing to introduce the postal money order system into the country.

It has been shown that the ratio of prisoners in cities is two and one-fourth times as great as in the country at large.

The first petroleum spring in England has just been discovered near Northwick. A brewer's well has coated with geyser water, and yields a copious supply of oil.

The Italian brigands prefer to capture an Englishman if possible, and their second choice is an American. They are about the only ones any considerable sum of money can be squeezed out of.

The Chinese Government has refused an English firm permission to set up cotton cleaning machinery in that country. The decision is made that foreigners have no right to start manufacturing on Chinese soil.

The czar, as a memorial to his late parents, has devoted \$750,000 and an estate worth \$200,000 a year to the foundation and maintenance of an institution for the blind at St. Petersburg, to be called the Alexander-Marion Institute.

A few years ago the Argentine Republic did not raise wheat enough for home consumption. Last year it imported 7,000,000 bushels. Immense tracts of pasture are being converted into wheat land, and the country is becoming a great grain-growing region.

They have just taken a census in the city of St. Petersburg. There are nearly a million of people there, but above the age of sixteen years there are four males to every three females. The Cincinnati Enquirer says it ought to be a good place to marry girls.

The congress of the advocates of the peace, recently held in Vienna, the subject was brought out that there was present throughout the world 150,000,000 men, most of which are in the United States, twenty in Italy, and twenty in Germany, (Gotha), England, France and Switzerland.

It has been asserted that the human voice has been heard across the Strait of Gibraltar, a distance of ten miles. At a musical meeting held near Portland, Me., recently, sentences of the speech made by one of the gentlemen speaking in the open air were said to have been plainly heard a mile away.

The news that the Mikado of Japan has become addicted to alcohol, while the Emperor of China is devoting most of his time to opium smoking, is not satisfactory. Kalakaua is still playing poker with disastrous results to his National Treasury. Really, observes the Republic, these remote potatoes seem to need the services of an all-round reformer.

The recent decree in France requiring all resident foreigners to give an account of themselves to the Prefect of Police, is aimed at the vast influx of the lowest strata of society from all nations, who are gradually making France an asylum for the thieves, vagabonds and outcasts of other countries. Moreover, most of these foreign tramps come from two nations which France most hates—Germany and Ireland.

The famous toad which was dug out alive in England from a stratum of clay belonging to the glacial period died at the end of three days. A local surgeon cut a slit across the membrane which closed the toad's mouth in order to feed it, and the poor batrachian had not enough vitality to bear the operation. Much interest is manifested in the toad, which has been preserved in alcohol in the Greenock Museum.

An article in the North China Herald upon Chinese benevolence shows that it is very generally practiced. Whenever great floods or famines occur great soup kitchens are established. There are societies to provide coffins for the poor who cannot buy them, for gathering human bones which have become exposed and giving them suitable burial, for distributing plasters and drugs, and for presenting "virtue books."

Mrs. Sorrenson, of Michigan, declares the New York World is a woman of resources. She refused to allow the laying of a railroad track past her house at Maules and sought to drive the workmen off at the muzzle of a revolver. As the men proved to be proof against fear of a bullet, Mrs. Sorrenson brought out a rocking-chair, placed it across the ties, took her knitting and held the fort for a whole night and day. Of course, there was no chance of firing out a Michigan woman supplied with a rocking chair and knitting needles. So, after forty-eight hours' delay, the fair obstructionist was carried to prison, and the rails were laid.

REUBEN JAMES.

Three ships of war had Preble when he left the Naples shore, and the mighty king of Naples lent him seven galleys more; And never since the Argo floated in the mid-lands...

MURIEL.

"Muriel, Muriel," The tone was sharp and authoritative, and Madam Thorne's smooth, white brow contracted into a half frown as she looked out of the window and repeated her imperative summons...

THE FRENCH EXECUTIONER.

AN INTERESTING CHAT WITH THE HEADSMAN OF FRANCE. Living in Strict Retirement—The Ghastly Implements of His Profession—How He Does His Work. Few people have ever seen the public executioner of France, says a new letter to the New York World, and it is no easy matter to find him, for the police refuse to give his address, and his name is carefully omitted from the directory...

HOUSEHOLD AFFAIRS.

Good Way to Cook Tomatoes. A good and unusual way to cook tomatoes is the following: Peel and slice eight tomatoes. Put them in a coarse cloth and press most of the juice into a bowl. Save the juice. Chop the tomatoes and mix in two tablespoonfuls of melted butter. Stir up well, put in a buttered mold, fit on the top, set in a pot of boiling water, and keep at a fast boil for one hour...

IN AN OLD RUSSIAN FORT.

HOW THE MUSCOVITE FORTIFIED IN ALASKA. At Present a Military Post in Name Only—Made of Defense—Curious for Sale by Natives. Names of places in this Territory which have military designations, says a letter from Sitka, Alaska, to the New York Times, may inspire a sense of security to outsiders unacquainted with the country. For instance, upon hearing of Fort Wrangell one would naturally conclude that such a post would furnish ample security for a reasonable scope of commerce...

LOVE-LIGHT.

All thro' the house I can hear her voice, Sunshine, my Sunshine, Scattering gladness, bidding rejoice, My fair Sunshine. In my lady's chamber away up stairs, Sunshine, my Sunshine, She is chanting matches of carolling airs, My fair Sunshine...

MILLIONAIRE FLOOD'S GOLD.

Flood's estate is valued by good judges at \$15,000,000. At the height of the bonanza excitement, when shares on the leading mines brought \$500 and paid \$5 a week, Flood's wealth was \$15,000,000. Then came the great shrinkage in Comstock values, which cut down the fortune of all the mining millionaires fully one-half, and Flood's losses by the Nevada Bank wheat deal were fully \$5,000,000. The property was probably equally divided between the wife, son and daughter. The latter was always Flood's favorite, and at one time she possessed in her own right \$5,000,000 in real estate and Government bonds. She gave much of this to help her father out of his embarrassment a year ago, but still owns about \$2,000,000. Young Flood is shrewd, but has no stability, and the old man never trusted him in any large deal.—San Francisco Advertiser.